

Dear Families,

Monbulk Primary School is looking forward to another great year of learning and teaching and would like to advise you of our parent payments for 2026.

We provide students with free tuition of the Victorian Curriculum. The ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education, resources and support for our students. Thanks to your generosity, whether through fundraising, volunteering, or other contribution, we can deliver a rich and diverse curriculum that includes more than the essential programs and resources.

We recognise the rising costs many families are facing, and we have worked diligently to keep any increases for 2026 to a minimum. Your continued support is crucial in helping us maintain and expand our educational offerings.

Here's how your contributions have made a significant difference:

- **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program:** Enriching students' understanding of food, nutrition, and sustainability.
- **STEM Program:** Equipping students with 3D printers, robotics, and other advanced technology.
- **Music and Visual Arts Program:** Providing instruments and equipment to foster creativity and artistic expression.
- **Class Libraries:** Keeping our collection of readers and books current and engaging.
- **Technology:** Maintaining and upgrading laptops and iPads, ensuring consistent and reliable access.
- **Maths Learning Equipment:** Offering hands-on tools for a more interactive learning experience.
- **Literacy and Numeracy Subscriptions:** Providing access to essential digital resources for enhanced learning.
- **PE and Sports Programs:** Supplying well-maintained sporting equipment for a diverse range of physical activities.
- **Facilities:** Upgrading and maintaining our grounds, playgrounds, and historical building to ensure a safe and stimulating environment.
- **Library Books:** Continuously expanding our library to support student reading and research.
- The **Building Fund** (tax deductible) is used maintain our heritage features, with the next project focusing on painting the exterior of our beautiful Heritage Building.

In recent years, we've experienced a **decline in voluntary contributions** alongside a **steady rise in curriculum delivery costs**. Your support is more important than ever to help us maintain these specialist programs and ensure they remain accessible to all students. **We kindly ask for your renewed commitment to help us continue providing an outstanding education.** Every contribution, no matter the size, plays a vital role in sustaining the exceptional opportunities we provide for every child at Monbulk Primary School.

If you require any support or advice or have queries regarding voluntary contributions, please contact Estelle Alder or Michelle Bearup on 9756 6481 or email michelle.bearup@education.vic.gov.au. Please note that we can also assist families experiencing financial hardship. We can help you with access to **State Schools Relief** (for uniforms), **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund**, **second-hand uniforms**, and **alternative payment arrangements for Extra-Curricular costs**. All conversations are kept strictly confidential.

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community and for helping us make a lasting impact on our students' education.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please refer to the attached policy.

Yours sincerely,



Estelle Alder
Principal



Daniel Jansen
School Council President

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